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Summary

At its 2015 resumed session, held from 26 May to 3 June and on 12 June 2015, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 388 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 160 for consultative status, deferred 200 for further consideration at its regular session in 2016, closed consideration without prejudice of 27 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions and recommended that one not be granted consultative status. The Committee also had before it seven requests for reclassification of consultative status: it recommended that four of those requests be granted; deferred its consideration of two requests; and closed without prejudice one request. The Committee reviewed seven requests for a change of name: it took note of three of the requests and deferred consideration of the remaining four. It also had before it 215 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 168. The Committee heard 15 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains eight draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 160 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of four non-governmental organizations;

(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of three non-governmental organizations;

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(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 168 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 27 non-governmental organizations following the failure of the organizations to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;

(f) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for reclassification of status by one non-governmental organization following the failure of the organization to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;

(g) Decide not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Freedom Now.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technical Association.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technology Development Link.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 165 non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 24 non-governmental organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VI, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 85 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VII, the Council would approve the provisional agenda of the 2016 session of the Committee.

By draft decision VIII, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 160 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire

Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable

Active Help Organization

Adjmor

Advocates for International Development

Agalliao Development Initiative

Agence pour les droits de l'homme

Alliance for Health Promotion

Appui aux femmes démunies et enfants marginalisés au Kivu

Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation

Arab Group for the Protection of Nature

Asociación Colectivo de Víctimas del Terrorismo en el País Vasco "COVITE"

Association d'intérêt régional

Association des femmes peules autochtones du Tchad

Association des ressortissants et amis d'Éséka

Association femmes solidaires au Togo

Association Miraisme International

Association nationale de coopération pour le développement du Cameroun

Association Panafrica

Association pour les victimes du monde

Associazione Carcere et Territorio

Bilie Human Rights Initiative

Canada's National Firearms Association

Carbone Guinée

Centre catholique international de Genève

Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique

Centre for Budget and Policy Studies

Centre for Equality

Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change

Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement

CGFNS International

Chant du guépard dans le désert

Child Concern

China Association of Non-Profit Organizations

Chinese American Parent-Student Council of New York City

Concepts of Truth

Connecting.nyc

Corporación Acción Técnica Social

Coup de pouce

Dar Si Hmad for Development, Education and Culture, Sidi Ifni

Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti

Development Generation Africa International

Diplomatic Council

Disease Management Association of India

Dynamique des groupes des peuples autochtones

East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights

Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development

Elizka Relief Foundation

Emergency — Life Support for Civilian War Victims

Engage Now Africa

Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development

Eurasia Reiyukai

EuroChild

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Fairfood International

Feed The Children

FEMM Foundation

Fielding Graduate University

Fondation de la progéniture Denis Lomela Ifangwa

Fondation Institut de recherche pour le développement durable et les relations internationales

Fondation Mohammed VI pour la protection de l'environnement

Fondation pour l'éradication du travail des enfants dans la culture du tabac

Fondazione Giovanni Paolo II per il dialogo, cooperazione e sviluppo

Fondazione Rosselli Americas

Forum for Women in Democracy

Forum réfugiés-Cosi

Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social

Fundación Riba

Gadejuristen

Galkayo Medical Centre

Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute

Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation

Global Bioethics Initiative

Global Migration Policy Associates

Global Partnership for Local Action

Global Vision India Foundation

Groupe d'action pour la survie, la santé et l'éducation de la mère et de l'enfant

Healthy Start Initiative

Help Me See

Human in Love

Institut de la démocratie et de la coopération

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Loreto Generalate

Integrated Youth Empowerment — Common Initiative Group

Inter-action globale

International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions

International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation

International Veterinary Students Association

International Women and Family Foundation

International-Lawyers.Org

Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust

Janaseva Foundation

Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International

Japan Overseas Cooperative Association

Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust

Kršcanski centar za pomoc i rehabilitaciju ovisnika i obitelji "Stijena"

L'Arche internationale

Laya

Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

Manav Pragati Sansthan, Rajgarh

Manhattan Multicultural Counseling

Martina Centre for Sustainable Development

Medrar

México Unido contra la Delincuencia

Miral Welfare Foundation

Mountain Area Information Network

Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme

National Aboriginal Circle against Family Violence

National Women's Welfare Society Darwha, Yavatmal

New Zealand Drug Foundation

Niger Talents

Noah's Arc Foundation

Nouveaux droits de l'homme

Oil Change International

Organisation pour la prévention et l'intervention contre les risques et contingences

Organizzazione Mondiale degli Agricoltori

Palestinian Return Centre

Parlement africain de la société civile

Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International

Poverty Alleviation for the Poor Initiative

"Preporod"

Privacy International

Promotion pour le développement

Pukar Foundation

Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services

Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan

Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos

Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors

Sahyog International Foundation

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

Samarthyam

Sambhali Trust

Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace

Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción

Shivi Development Society

Sikh Human Rights Group

Specified Non-profit Corporation, Health and Global Policy Institute

Stichting African Sky

Stichting Global Human Rights Defence

Stichting International Civil Society Support

Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute

Support to Deprived Peoples

Sustainable Environment Development Initiative

Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry

Toplumsal Haklar ve Araştirmalar Derneği

Trakya Kalkinma Dernegi

Trilok Youth Club and Charitable Trust, Vadodara

Tripura Foundation

United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of Saint George

United Nations Women for Peace Association

United States Sustainable Development Corporation

Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce

Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs

Vier Pfoten International

Warbe Development Foundation

Wash United

World Alliance of Peoples' Organisations

World Taoist Association

WorldTeach

Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America

Youth and Women Empowerment Centre

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations:

(i) From the Roster to special consultative status

International Union of Railways

World Animal Net

World Organization for Early Childhood Education

(ii) From special to general consultative status

Perfect Union

(c) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following three non-governmental organizations:

International Catholics Organisation of the Media (special, 1951) to International Christian Organisation of the Media

International Committee for the Indians of the Americas (special, 2003) to International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (special, 2007) to End Human Trafficking Now

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 168 non-governmental organizations for the period 2010-2013, except where stated otherwise:

8th Day Center for Justice

Academy of Labour and Social Relations

African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies

African Services Committee

African Youth Movement

AFS Inter-Cultural Programs

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información

Airports Council International

All-Russian Society of Disabled People

American Cancer Society

American Society of Safety Engineers

Antioch Christian Centre

Architectes de l'urgence

Association for Sustainable Human Development

Association congolaise d'education et de prevention contre des maladies et la drogue

Association des jeunes pour le développement humain et la protection de l'environnement

Association for Assistance to Families with Disabled Children

Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement

Association marocaine pour la promotion de la femme rurale

Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa

Association of Presbyterian Women of Aoteaora, New Zealand

Ayuda y Solidaridad con las Niñas de la Calle

Baha'i International Community

Baptist World Alliance

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Blagovest Centre of People's Help International Public Charitable Organization

Bridges International

Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association

Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action

Centre de Recherches et de Promotion pour la Sauvegarde des Sites et Monuments Historiques en Afrique

Centre for Development Strategy

Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Febbraio 74

China Disabled Person's Federation

Chinese Immigrants Services

Christian Aid

Church World Service

Comité français des organisations non gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies

Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples

Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy

Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique

Consumers International

Couple to Couple League International

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Deniz Feneri Yardimlasma ve Dayanisma Dernegi

Dominicans for Justice and Peace — Order of Preachers

East-West Management Institute

Eco-Accord — Center for Environment and Sustainable Development

EUROSOLAR Turkey

Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America

Federation européenne des femmes actives au foyer

Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia

Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya

Forest Peoples Programme

Forum pour l'integration des migrants

Fundación Teleton MexicoGlobal Housing Foundation

Gram Bharati Samiti

Grassroots Organisations Operating Together in Sisterhood

Green Asia Network

Health on the Net FoundationHenry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Hope for Africa

Human Resource Development Foundation

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International

Humanity First

Incorvuz-XXI

Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru"

Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee

Indonesian Child Welfare Foundation

Institut de politique familiale

Institute for Energy and Environmental Research

Institute of Global Education

Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia

Integrated Development in Focus

Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development

Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development

International Air Transport Association

International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm

International Association for Integration, Dignity, and Economic Advancement

International Association of Ports and Harbors

International Association of Y's Men's Clubs

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation

International Center for Research on Women

International Chamber of Commerce

International Coastal and Ocean Organization

International Commission on Workforce Development

International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation

International Congo Aid — Smile African Children

International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction

International Council of Voluntary Agencies

International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations

International Federation of Inspection Agencies

International Federation of Women Lawyers

International Fund for Animal Welfare

International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations

International Justice Mission

International League for Human Rights

International PEN

International Planned Parenthood Federation, Africa region

International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance

International Research Foundation for Development

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

International Sustainable Energy Organisation for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

International Union of Psychological Science

International Women's Democracy Center

Internet Society

Italian Association for Women in Development

Japanese Association of International Women's Rights

JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

Kids First Fund

LatCrit

Leadership Watch

League of Kenya Women Voters

Lebanese Association for Popular Action

LGBT Denmark — the National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People

Local Governments for Sustainability

Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development

Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights

Marie Stopes International

Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation

Mental Disability Rights International

Mercy Corps

Miramed Institute

National Association for Resource Improvement

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

National Congress of American Indians

National Organization of Women's Association in the Bahamas

Native American Rights Fund

New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties

Organisation marocaine des droits humains

Peace Boat

People's Decade of Human Rights Education

Rainforest Foundation International

Reach Out and Care Wheels

Rozan

Rural Reconstruction Nepal

Russian Academy of Natural Sciences

Saferworld

Social Ecology Foundation

Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons

Tchad agir pour l'environment

The Grail

Tides Center

Tiye International

Turkiye Kadin Girisimciler Dernegi

Union of Luso-African-America-Asiatic Capital Cities Universal Esperanto Association

Universitas 21

Urban Justice Center

Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung Women's Intercultural Network

World Federalist Movement

World Federation of Trade Unions

World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

World for World Organization

World Information Transfer

World Jewellery Confederation

World Leisure Organization

World Organization of the Scout Movement

World ORT Union

World Peace and Economic Development Organization

World Student Christian Federation

Yemeni Women Union

Youth Empowerment Alliance

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 27 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh

Akshaya Patra Foundation

Ark Jammers Connection

Beautiful Eves of Africa Organisation

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes

Child Foundation

Child Rights Information Network

Corporation Global Together

Democracywatch

Environmental Degradation Organization of Nigeria

Global Community Health Foundation

International Green Economy Association

Kottayam Social Service Society

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Medsin-UK

National Alliance of Women

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

New World Hope Organization

Participatory Development Action Program

Peace and Hope International

Raleigh-Ghana

Rights and Resources Institute

S.R. Institute of Development

Shack Dwellers International (South Africa)

Stichting Arseh Sevom

Sukalyan Welfare Society

Women for Women, a Research and Study Group

(f) To close without prejudice consideration of the application for reclassification of status by the following non-governmental organization after it had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to it by members of the Committee:

United States Federation for Middle East Peace

(g) Decides not to grant consultative status with the Council to the non-governmental organization Freedom Now.

Draft decision II
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technical Association

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technical Association.

Draft decision III
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technology Development Link

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technology Development Link.

Draft decision IV
Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2015 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2015, and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, to suspend immediately, for a period of one year, the consultative status of the 165 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.

3D Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy

Aahung

Africa Safe Water Foundation

African American Islamic Institute

Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Ain o Salish Kendra

Al Mezan Center for Human Rights

Amis de la terre (Togo)

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network

Asian Migrant Centre

Asociación Habitat Pro

Association européenne des cheminots

Association guinéenne pour la réinsertion des toxicomanes

Association de développement de Korba

Association des états generaux des étudiants de l'Europe

Association des femmes éducatrices du Mali

Association of Former Diplomats of China

Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts

Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies

Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger

Association pour la promotion de l'emploi et du logement

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Big Brothers Big Sisters International

Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal

Biopolitics International Organisation

Building and Social Housing Foundation

Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen

CARE

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Capital Humano y Social Alternativo

Catholic International Education Office

Center for Assistance to Human Right Protection

Center for Oceans Law and Policy

Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement

Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology

Centre for the World Religions

Centre for Women the Earth the Divine

China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation

China Education Association for International Exchange

Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance

Conectas Direitos Humanos

Coordinadora de la Mujer

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Dental Care International Foundation

Eco-Ecolo

Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers

Ecopeace — Middle East Environmental NGO Forum

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

Engender

Ethiopian World Federation

European Federation for Transport and Environment

European Space Policy Institute

European Union of Women

Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center

Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Fundación Alvaralice

Fundación Cimientos

Fundación Democrática Ítalo-Americana

Fundación UNITRAN

Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments

Global Alliance for Women's Health

Global Village for Rehabilitation and Development

Global Witness

Group of 78

Groupe pivot: droit et citoyenneté des femmes

Guild of Service

HELIO International

Half the Sky Foundation

Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Hope for the Nations

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan

Humanitarian Law Center

IPAS

Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare

Institut de la gestion déléguée

Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

International Association for Human Values

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth

International Council of Psychologists

International Energy Foundation

International Forestry Students Association

International Lesbian and Gay Federation Europe

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions

International Wages for Housework Campaign

International Women's Writing Guild

International Young Catholic Students

Isigodlo Trust — South African Women in Dialogue

Israeli Committee against House Demolitions

Justice for All Prison Fellowship Ethiopia

Kiwanis International

Korean Federation for Environmental Movement

Leadership for Environment and Development

Ladies Charitable Society

Lebanon Family Planning Association

Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany

Lighthouse International

Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

Mamta: Health Institute for Mother and Child

Mariano y Rafael Castillo Córdova Foundation

MaterCare International

Mauritius Family Planning Association

Medical Aid for Palestinians

Medico International

Mehr Nuri Public Foundation

Missions3G-Gauri

Movimiento Manuela Ramos

Muslim Aid Australia

National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan

National Association of Friendship Centres

National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

National Center for State Courts

National Confederation of Women in Equality

National Coordinator for Human Rights

National Foundation for Women Legislators

National Rural Support Programme

Network of East-West Women

Northern Alliance for Sustainability

Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement

Organisation internationale pour la réduction des catastrophes

Pan-African Women's Organization

Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association of Canada

Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities

Population Reference Bureau

Population Services International

Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights

Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini

Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe

Rehabilitation International

Rooftops Canada

Save Africa Concerts Foundation

Saviya Development Foundation

Seniors Españoles para la Cooperación Técnica

Sinha Institute of Medical Science and Technology

Social Development Center

Society for Comparative Legislation

Spirituality for Kids

Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe

Swedish Organisation of Disabled Persons International Aid Association

Third World Network-Africa

UBUNTU Forum

Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association-National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities

Union nationale de la femme tunisienne

Unione Intercontinentale Casalinghe

Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation

Vikas Samiti

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

Winvisible — Women with Visible and Invisible Disability

Womankind Worldwide

Women against Rape

WomenAid Collective

Women in Law and Development in Africa

Women's Crisis Centre

Women's Environmental Development and Training

Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

Women's Political Watch

World Granny

World Road Association

Youth for the Child's Welfare

Draft decision V
Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that submitted outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4, and recalling its decision 2014/223, to reinstate the consultative status of the 24 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:

African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas

Associacão Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros

Comité français des organisations non gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies

Consumers International

General Arab Women Federation

Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru"

International Air Transport Association

International Commission of Jurists

International Council of Management Consulting Institutes

International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations

International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse

International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations

International Justice Mission

League of Kenya Women Voters

Lebanese Association for Popular Action

Marie Stopes International

Network of Women's Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Relief International

Rural Reconstruction Nepal

Union of Luso-African-America-Asiatic Capital Cities

War Resisters International

World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

Yemeni Women Union

Draft decision VI
Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2015 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations that had continued outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and whose status had been suspended by the Council pursuant to Council decision 2014/223, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2015 and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008 and recalling its decision 2014/223, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of the 85 non-governmental organizations listed below, and the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of this decision.

Academy for Educational Development

Actions solidaires de soutien aux organisations et d'appui aux libertés

Adelphi Research

African Community Resource Center

Africare

Aim for Human Rights

Ambassadors for Children

America Mideast Educational and Training Services

Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association

Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem

Association jeunesse culture loisirs technique

Association malienne d'initiatives et d'actions pour le développement

Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific

Association pour la collaboration globale

Association pour la protection de la nature et de l'environnement de Kairouan

Association pour la recherche sur la sclérose latérale amyothrophique et autres maladies du motoneurone

Association tunisienne des mères

Australian Reproductive Health Alliance

Aviation sans frontières

Center for Studies on Turkey

Centre d'animation, de formation, de recherche et d'appui au développement

Citizens for Decent Housing

Coalition nationale de Guinée pour les droits et la citoyenneté des femmes

Coordination SUD

Crime Stoppers International

Democracy Coalition Project

DIYA All-Ukranian Women's People's Democratic Association

Ecologic Institute for International and European Environmental Policy

Egyptian Red Crescent Society

Enfants du monde: droits de l'homme

Ensemble allons dans la paix

European Roma Rights Center

FATIMA Women's Network

Firooznia Charity Foundation

Fondation El Kef pour le développement regional

Fondation Maman Henriette Conte

Fundación de la Solidaridad y el Voluntariado de la Comunidad Valenciana

Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad

Fundación Red Deporte y Cooperación

GAVI Fund

Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Global Cooperation Society

Human Rights Education Associates

Institute of Internal Auditors

International Association of Prosecutors

International Centre for Ethnic Studies

International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights

International Foundation of Alternative Financial Institutions [1]

International Maritime Committee

International Mediterranean Women's Forum

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

International Union of Building Centres

International Union of Technical Associations and Organisations

Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association

Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change

Kerala Rural Development Agency

Libera: Associazioni, Nomi e Numeri Contro le Mafie

Light and Hope Association for Blind

Magnificat Environment

Mediterranean Water Institute

Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie et de toutes formes de violences sexuelles et discriminations sexistes

National Aboriginal Forestry Association

National Abortion Federation

National Association for Protection of Environment and Green Egypt

National Fishworkers' Forum

National Society for Human Rights

[1] The name of this non-governmental organization was erroneously reflected in the previous documents of the Committee as "International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions".

Navjyoti India Foundation

Orbicom, réseau des chaires UNESCO en communication

Organisation tunisienne de l'éducation et de la famille

PARTAGE

Project Concern International

Safe Water African Community Initiative

Scouts musulmans algériens

Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis

Survivor Corps

Synergos Institute

Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection

Union for Sustainable Return and Integrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Union Iberoamericana de Colegios y Agrupaciones de Abogados

Women's National Commission

World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises

World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

World Confederation of Productivity Science

World LP Gas Association

Youth Association for Habitat and Agenda 21

Draft decision VII
Dates and provisional agenda of the 2016 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

(a) Decides that the 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 25 January to 3 February and on 16 February, and its resumed session from 23 May to 1 June and on 10 June;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda of the 2016 session of the Committee as set out below.

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;

(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2017 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision VIII
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 resumed session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 resumed session.

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the

Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th to 26th meetings, held from 26 May to 2 June 2015. It had before it the following documents and conference room papers:

(a) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.18-39);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests from non-governmental organizations for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2015/R.3/Add.1);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 through 2015 (E/C.2/2015/CRP.8);[2]

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.9);[2]

(e) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2015/CRP.11 and CRP.12).[2]

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

3. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 20th to 24th meetings, held from 28 May to 1 June 2015. The Committee considered a total of 176 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 39 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Active Help Organization

Advocates for International Development

Centre catholique international de Genève

Development Generation Africa International

Disease Management Association of India

Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development

Eurasia Reiyukai

Feed the Children

Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute

[2] Conference room papers are on file with the Secretariat and are available for consultation.

Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation Inc.

Healthy Start Initiative

International-Lawyers.Org

Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

Martina Centre for Sustainable Development

Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme

National Women's Welfare Society Darwha, Yavatmal

Palestinian Return Centre

Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International

Pukar Foundation

Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services

Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

Sambhali Trust

Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace

Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción

Shivi Development Society

Sikh Human Rights Group

Stichting Global Human Rights Defence

Stichting International Civil Society Support

Support to Deprived Peoples

Sustainable Environment Development Initiative

Trakya Kalkinma Dernegi

Tripura Foundation

Vier Pfoten International

Warbe Development Foundation

World Alliance of Peoples' Organisations

World Taoist Association

WorldTeach

Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 109 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2015 resumed session:

Access Now

Africa Unite

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights

Al-Marsad, the Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights

All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

Asia Center for Human Rights

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention

Assyrian Aid Society of America

Assyrian National Congress

Avocats sans frontières

Azerbaijani American Cultural Association

Bahrain Young Ladies Association

Bangladesh Support Group

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara occidental

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization Sudan

Center for Constitutional Rights

Center for Media and Peace Initiative

Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'homme

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Committee to Protect Journalists, Inc.

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience

Dalit Foundation Ahmedabad

Dansk Flygtningehjælp

Droits de l'homme sans frontières

Earth Charter Associates

ECCO2 Corp

Egyptian Judges' Club

Engineers Without Borders USA

Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género

Ethnic Community Development Organization

European Muslims League

Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy

F W de Klerk Foundation Trust

Geneva Institute for Human Rights

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God

Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad

Human Aid UK

Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa

IDEAS Centre

India Media Centre

India Water Foundation

Insan Dost Association

Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya

Institute for Human Rights and Business Limited

Instituto Igarapé

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Association of Independent Journalists

International Center for Work and Family

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust

International Police Commission Philippine Command Association

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Islamic African Relief Agency

James Madison University

Jewish Renaissance Foundation

Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan

Korea Human Rights Foundation

Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust

Lawfare Project

Leadership Foundation

Legal Resources Centre

Let's Breakthrough

Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development

Light House

Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

Mother Helpage (United Kingdom)

Muslim Aid

Muslim Hands

National Development Youth Club Jaran Wali Gali Poonch

National Secular Society

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi

Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

Peace Islands Institute Population Matters

Profesionales por la Ética

Publication and Coordination Centre of Islamic Ideology and Sufi-ism

Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil

Rural Development Institute

Shah Maqeem Trust

Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association

Simons Foundation

Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV Pax Christi

Stichting Soham Baba Mission

Stichting War Child

Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests

Swadhikar

Takal Welfare Organization

Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture

United Sikhs

USC Canada

Virtual Activism

WEConnect International West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Women Living under Muslim Laws International Solidarity Network

Women's Freedom Forum

World Academy of Art and Science

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Youth Foundation of Bangladesh

Youth of European Nationalities

Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

6. At its 23rd meeting, on 29 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan posed questions on the activities of the organization. His intervention was followed by a statement by the observer for Armenia, who emphasized the important contribution of non-governmental to and engagement with the Organization. He acknowledged the legitimate right of every member of the Committee to pose questions to non-governmental organizations seeking consultative status with the Council and stressed that the process of considering applications should be free from any prejudice and political motivations. He stated that, in the past several sessions of the Committee, questions had been posed to two Armenian diaspora organizations, namely All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine" and Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux, and that at the present session, yet again the two organizations had been asked more questions, even though they had provided detailed and timely responses. He urged the Committee to thoroughly examine past responses, avoid the practice of asking repetitive questions, be constructive and impartial and to show flexibility when considering the application of the two organizations.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stated that the members of the Committee were working in an impartial manner and that questions were asked of many non-governmental organizations for the purpose of obtaining clarifications. The representative of Turkey stressed that questions were posed to non-governmental organizations on behalf of the Committee for the purpose of seeking clarifications regarding their applications. He emphasized that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations and that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. He added that, regardless of the name or origin of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria followed by Turkey in the review of applications was that of whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. He expressed his hope that the concerned organizations would engage constructively with the Committee and provide the necessary clarifications to the questions posed to them by the Committee. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

International Police Commission Philippine Command Association

9. At its 21st meeting, on 28 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Police Commission Philippine Command Association.

10. At the same meeting, the observer for the Philippines stated that the organization had been using its alleged affiliation with the Council to recruit members all over the Philippines for a fee and that the recruited members were issued a uniform, an identification card and a badge similar to the Philippine National Police General Office Attire and a rank similar to that of the military. He added that the members of the organization had been posing as "agents" of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Criminal Police Organization, as well as using the United Nations logo in its activities. He emphasized that the organization had been subject to monitoring by law enforcement agencies, including the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission. He stressed that members of the organization had been arrested at the Mactan-Cebu international airport for possession of firearms and ammunition with fictitious permits and for attempting to apply for temporary airport passes, allegedly to assist authorities in gathering intelligence information. He urged the members of the Committee not to recommend the organization for consultative status.

11. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of the Russian Federation and South Africa posed questions to the organization. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

12. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Iran Human Rights Documentation Center.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that, pursuant to the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31, this entity did not seem to be a non-governmental organization and was therefore not eligible to be granted consultative status. She added that the organization received more than 86 per cent of its budget from certain Governments, which led her to conclude that it was an affiliated government organization. Quoting texts from the organization's website, the representative pointed out that the organization justified the activities of armed groups who were involved in terrorist acts against Iranian citizens, explosion of pipe lines and cooperation with the Saddam Hussein regime in the imposed war against her country. She posed questions to the organization and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Palestinian Return Centre

14. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Palestinian Return Centre. The representative of the Sudan expressed the support of his delegation of the application of this organization, adding that it was registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, assisted Palestinian people in need and that it also had the support of the State of Palestine. While emphasizing that the organization's application had been sufficiently discussed in the Committee, the representative of the Sudan requested a vote to recommend the granting of consultative status to the

organization. He urged the members of the Committee to support the application of this organization and to vote in favour of it. The representative of Mauritania expressed his support for the organization and the request of the representative of the Sudan for a vote. The Chair proceeded with the vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

15. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by some Member States. The representative of Israel stressed that the application of the organization should be handled correctly so as not to create a precedent for the acceptance of organizations with known affiliations to terrorist organizations. She added that Ismail Haniyeh, a senior leader of Hamas, had been invited to give a keynote address at three conferences of the organization and that accrediting an organization that honoured individuals such as Isma'l Haniyah would imply providing a platform for ideas of violence and terror. She stressed that the organization was in support of Hamas, which was committed to violence and the total annihilation of the State of Israel, was banned in Egypt, and had been designated a terrorist organization by the European Union, Canada, Japan, the United States of America and Israel, and therefore, voting yes for accrediting the organization would be accrediting Hamas. She highlighted that media sources, national intelligence agencies and independent research organizations had cited connections between the organization and other organizations, such as the Charity Coalition and Interpal, both known as large financing sources for terrorism. She pointed out that the Committee should not allow itself to approve the application of an organization when there were suspicions about its activities and affiliations and that her delegation would vote against granting consultative status to the organization.

16. The representative of South Africa stressed that the political position of his Government and its support for Palestinian self-determination was unwavering, and that therefore, his Government believed that the organization and its activities to popularize the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people and for the statehood was a just cause. He added that the Palestinian people were entitled to the right to return and, as such, his delegation would vote in favour of recommending that the organization be given consultative status.

17. The representative of the United States expressed that her delegation still had outstanding concerns about the organization, its leadership and its activities and that they had come prepared to pose questions to the organization to seek clarification on its work and the nature of its relationships in various countries. She highlighted that, although her delegation supported the critical voices of civil society at the United Nations, she would vote against granting consultative status to this organization, in the light of the outstanding concerns and the lack of opportunity to raise questions to the organization.

18. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that she would vote in favour of the organization, as her delegation believed that the aims and work of the organization were in full compliance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31. She added that the work of the organization in support of the exercise of the rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland was based on international law and international humanitarian law.

19. The representative of Cuba highlighted that the case of Palestine was in line with Cuba's foreign policy, and hence, she would vote in favour of granting the

organization consultative status. Similarly, the representative of Guinea expressed that he would vote in favour of the organization in support of Guinea's policy with regard to self-determination of the Palestinian people.

20. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 12 to 3, with 3 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Israel, United States, Uruguay

Abstaining:

Greece, India, Russian Federation,

Absent:

Burundi

21. After the vote, statements were made by Member States. The representative of Israel stressed that his delegation had voted against the organization because of its terrorist affiliation. He gave the example of a senior official of the organization, Majid al-Ziyad, who had stated the need for military resistance as a way forward. The representative of the Russian Federation expressed that his delegation was always in favour of allowing the members of the Committee to ask questions of an organization and that his delegation had abstained, as he believed that not enough time had been allowed for the organization's application to be fully considered. He added that the accusations of the organization having ties with terrorism needed to be clarified immediately. The representative of the Sudan thanked delegations for voting in favour of recommending that the organization be granted consultative status.

Zaka Rescue and Recovery[3]

22. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Zaka Rescue and Recovery. The representative of the United States took the floor to support the statement made by the representative of Israel that this was a reputable organization engaged in humanitarian work all over the world, that it met the criteria set forth in Council resolution 1996/31 and was well deserving of being granted Economic and Social Council accreditation by the Committee. Questions were posed to the organization and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Application not recommended

Freedom Now

23. At its 23rd meeting, on 29 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now.

[3] This statement was circulated late for consideration by the Committee due to technical reasons.

24. The representative of the United States reminded the members that the Committee had reviewed the application of the organization twice during the 2015 regular session and at that session, her delegation had implored the members of the Committee to pose all the questions that they may have of the organization. She added that this organization's application was among the longest pending — for over five years — with almost 60 questions having been posed to it. She emphasized that the organization worked on cases of individual political prisoners; its efforts had been before the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and it was a reputable organization with Reverend Desmond Tutu serving as its honorary chair. She stressed that, given the background of the organization, her delegation was requesting immediate action to grant it consultative status, precluding any further deferment or questioning of the organization. The Chair then called for a roll-call vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

25. The representative of the Russian Federation sought clarification as to why the Committee was proceeding to a vote without giving the members of the Committee an opportunity to ask the organization further questions. The representative of Cuba reminded the Committee that, in the past, following a request for a vote, delegations were given time to consult their capitals, and that therefore, voting was conducted at a later date. The representative of South Africa expressed concern at finding the proceedings of the Committee confusing, as in the morning, a motion for an immediate vote had been dispensed with, based on the argument that it was not the practice of the Committee to proceed to an immediate vote. The representative of the Sudan asked whether another delegation should second the request for a vote. The representative of the United States clarified that she had informed the 2015 regular session that her delegation would request the Committee to take action on this organization's application at the resumed session and hence, the Committee members had had sufficient time to consult their capitals. She stressed that her delegation was requesting immediate action for the Committee to proceed to a vote according to the rules of procedure of the Council to grant this organization consultative status. Further clarifications were also provided by the Chair and the Secretary of the Committee. The Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council to grant consultative status to the organization.

26. At the same meeting, the representative of China stated that his delegation would vote against the organization, as its website contained a lot of accusations against the Member States of the United Nations, its words and actions were politically motivated and it would not be possible for the organization to make any contribution to the work of the Council.

27. The non-governmental organization was not recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 4 to 11, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 16 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Greece, Israel, United States, Uruguay

Against:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining:
India

Absent:
Guinea, Mauritania, Turkey

28. After the vote, statements were made by Member States. The representative of the Sudan expressed his concern about how the voting process had been handled and his discontent that he had not been given an opportunity to clarify fully his technical point on the voting procedure. The representative of the United States thanked the Chair for proceeding to a vote as requested by a member of the Committee and conveyed her regret that the organization had not been recommended for consultative status, considering that it was a reputable organization that met the qualifications for consultative status as stipulated in Council resolution 1996/31. She hoped that the Economic and Social Council would be able to evaluate the decision of the Committee. The representative of South Africa voiced his deep concern about the processes preceding the vote. The representative of the Russian Federation expressed his disappointment that the members of the Committee had been rushed to a vote without having an opportunity to ask the organization further questions. The representatives of Cuba, Azerbaijan and Nicaragua stated that they had voted against the organization, since they had concerns about it and there were questions that needed to be clarified.

Applications closed without prejudice

29. At its 28th meeting, held on 3 June, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 27 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions, despite three reminders that had been sent to them (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

30. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th to 20th, 25th and 26th meetings, held from 26 to 28 May and 1 and 2 June 2015. The Committee considered a total of 212 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

31. Of the 212 non-governmental organizations new applications for which had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 121 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire

Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable

Adjmor

Agalliao Development Initiative

Agence pour les droits de l'homme

Alliance for Health Promotion

Appui aux femmes démunies et enfants marginalisés au Kivu

Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation

Arab Group for the Protection of Nature

Asociación Colectivo de Víctimas del Terrorismo en el País Vasco "COVITE"

Association d'intérêt régional

Association des femmes peules autochtones du Tchad

Association des ressortissants et amis d'Éséka

Association femmes solidaires au Togo

Association Miraisme International

Association nationale de coopération pour le développement du Cameroun

Association Panafrica

Association pour les victimes du monde

Associazione Carcere e Territorio

Bilie Human Rights Initiative

Canada's National Firearms Association

Carbone Guinée

Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique

Centre for Budget and Policy Studies

Centre for Equality

Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change

Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement

CGFNS International

Chant du guépard dans le désert

Child Concern

China Association of Non-Profit Organizations

Chinese American Parent-Student Council of New York City

Concepts of Truth

Connecting.nyc

Corporación Acción Técnica Social

Coup de pouce

Dar SiHmad for Development, Education and Culture, Sidi Ifni

Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti

Diplomatic Council

Dynamique des Groupes des Peuples Autochtones

East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights

Elizka Relief Foundation

Emergency Life Support for Civilian War Victims

Engage Now Africa

Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development

EuroChild

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Fairfood International

FEMM Foundation

Fielding Graduate University

Fondation de la progéniture Denis Lomela Ifangwa

Fondation Institut de recherche pour le développement durable et les relations internationales

Fondation Mohammed VI pour la protection de l'environnement

Fondation pour l'éradication du travail des enfants dans la culture du tabac

Fondazione Giovanni Paolo II per il dialogo, cooperazione e sviluppo

Fondazione Rosselli Americas

Forum for Women in Democracy

Forum réfugiés-Cosi

Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social

Fundación Riba

Gadejuristen

Galkayo Medical Centre

Global Bioethics Initiative

Global Migration Policy Associates

Global Partnership for Local Action

Global Vision India Foundation

Groupe d'action pour la survie, la santé et l'éducation de la mère et de l'enfant

Help Me See

Human in Love Corporation

Institut de la démocratie et de la coopération

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Loreto Generalate

Integrated Youth Empowerment — Common Initiative Group

Inter-Action Globale

International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions

International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation

International Veterinary Students Association

International Women and Family Foundation

Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust

Janaseva Foundation

Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International

Japan Overseas Cooperative Association

Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust

Kršcanski centar za pomoc i rehabilitaciju ovisnika i obitelji "Stijena"

L'Arche internationale

Laya

Manav Pragati Sansthan, Rajgarh

Manhattan Multicultural Counseling

Medrar

México Unido contra la Delincuencia

Miral Welfare Foundation

Mountain Area Information Network

National Aboriginal Circle against Family Violence

New Zealand Drug Foundation

Niger Talents

Noahs Arc Foundation

Nouveaux droits de l'homme

Oil Change International

Organisation pour la prévention et l'intervention contre les risques et contingences

Organizzazione Mondiale degli Agricoltori

Parlement africain de la société civile

Poverty Alleviation for the Poor Initiative

"Preporod"

Privacy International

Promotion pour le développement

Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos

Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors

Sahyog International Foundation

Samarthyam

Specified Non-profit Corporation, Health and Global Policy Institute

Stichting African Sky

Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute

Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry

Toplumsal Haklar ve Araştirmalar Derneği

Trilok Youth Club and Charitable Trust, Vadodara

United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of Saint George

United Nations Women for Peace Association

United States Sustainable Development Corporation

Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce

Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs

Wash United

Youth and Women Empowerment Centre

New applications deferred

32. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 91 non-governmental organizations, pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2015 resumed session:

Action on Smoking and Health

Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty

African Australian Network

African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes Education Trust

Aides

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation

American Medical Overseas Relief

American Society for Nutrition

Antigonish Women's Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services Association

Arbeiter Samariter-Bund Deutschland

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Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana "Profamilia"

Aspen Institute

Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women

Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People (MAZLUMDER)

Association internationale de la libre pensée

Australian Drug Foundation

Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation

Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation

Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação Brasil

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Child Soldiers International

Children's Investment Fund Foundation (United Kingdom)

Collectif La Paix au Sri Lanka

Conselho Indigenista Missionário

Days for Girls International

Death Penalty Project

Digital Opportunity Trust

Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity

École de la Paix

Education on Human Rights Public Association

Egyptian Centre for Human Rights

Electronic Frontier Foundation, Inc.

Elige: Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

Eminence Associates for Social Development

Engineers without Borders — International

Ensemble contre la peine de mort

Eurasia Foundation

Fondation des jeunes pour un développement durable

Forum européen pour les Roms et les gens du voyage

Foundation for Sustainable Development

Fountain House

Fundación Novia Salcedo

Gain International

Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)

Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction

Global Partnership for Afghanistan

Health Squared

HealthNet International Transcultural Psychosocial Organization

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office

Initiative féministe européenne

Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy

Interregional Non-governmental Organization "Committee against Torture"

Intersections International Initiative

Islamic Help

Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions

Jeunesse Canada Monde — Canada World Youth

Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation

Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö

Little People of Kosovo

Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte — Forschungsverein

Luxembourg Income Study

Maori Women's Welfare League

Medtronic Foundation

Mouvement de la paix

New Jersey Minority Educational Development

O.N.G Casa de Acogida La Esperanza

Oromia Support Group in Australia

Palestine Sports for Life

Plan International (United Kingdom)

Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing

Sindhi Adhikar Manch Association

Social Services Trust

Sri Sri J.S.M.D. Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Stuf United Fund

Sukyo Mahikari

Uçan Süpürge Kadin iletisim ve Arastirma Dernegi

Universal Cultural Society

US-Africa Synergy Inc

V-Day Karama

Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment

We Care for Humanity

Women for Water Partnership

Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization

Work In Progress

World without Genocide

Yayasan Dompet Dhuafa Republika

Youth Service America

Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation

33. At its 19th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee reviewed the application of the organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation. The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, South African and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela posed questions to the organization on its activities.

34. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for Viet Nam. He registered the strong objection of his Government to the application of the organization, which was believed to gravely violate the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations by carrying out politically motivated acts aimed at the separation of the territory of Viet Nam by calling for the establishment of an independent state of the Khmer people. He pointed out that, in 2012, the Council had decided not to grant consultative status to this organization and that it was not accredited to attend the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. He urged the Committee not to recommend the organization for consultative status with the Council.

35. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States clarified that, in 2012, the organization was unanimously recommended by the Committee to be granted consultative status and that the Council had overturned the Committee's recommendation by a vote. She stressed that her delegation believed that the organization should have received consultative status in 2012 and she hoped that the Committee at the current session would recommend that it be granted consultative status. She emphasized that the organization had not advocated for any violence and had only criticized Governments on their human rights records.

36. The representative of the Russian Federation confirmed that the process as outlined by the representative of the United States on how the application of the organization had been handled in 2012 was accurate but did not reflect the complete picture. He then clarified that it was only after the Committee had decided to recommend that the organization be granted consultative status that a statement was delivered by the representative of Viet Nam, through which the members of the Committee became aware of the separatist activities of the organization. The

Committee's recommendation had therefore been voted on and rejected in the Council.

37. Questions were posed to the organization and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment

38. At its 19th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee reviewed the application of the organization Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment. At the same meeting, the representatives of Cuba, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the Sudan posed questions to the organization.

39. Also at the same meeting, the observer for Viet Nam made a statement, expressing strong objection to the application of the organization. He emphasized that the organization had close affiliation with a number of extremist Vietnamese overseas organizations working against the State of Viet Nam. He stressed that the organization violated the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31 by carrying out politically motivated acts against the State of Viet Nam. He urged the members of the Committee not to recommend the organization for consultative status. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Requests for reclassification

40. At its 20th and 24th meetings, on 28 May and 1 June, the Committee considered seven requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included four new requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2015/R.3/Add.1, and three deferred requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.9.[2] It decided to recommend the reclassification of status of four non-governmental organizations, including three from the Roster, to special consultative status and one from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

41. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following two non-governmental organizations:

Widows for Peace through Democracy

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

Application for reclassification closed without prejudice

42. At its 28th meeting, held on 3 June, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council to close without prejudice consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the non-governmental organization, the United States Federation for Middle East Peace, which had not responded to the Committee's questions, despite three reminders sent to it (see chap. I, draft decision I (f)).

Requests for a change of name

43. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered two new requests for a change of name by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.12.[2]

44. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations, the International Committee for the Indians of the Americas (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee deferred the request of the other organization, World Society for the Protection of Animals, pending receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee.

45. Also at the same meeting, the Committee considered five deferred requests for a change of name by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.11.[2] The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of two of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee deferred its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy

Syriac Universal Alliance

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session

46. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 38 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period 1998-2013, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.10).[2] Of the 38 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following non-governmental organization (included in chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (2010-2013)

47. Also at its 25th meeting, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of the 37 deferred quadrennial reports of the following 28 non-governmental organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democrat International (1998-2001, 2002-2005, 2006-2009)

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)

Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)

International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008, 2009-2012)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004, 2005-2008, 2009-2012)

International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008, 2009-2012)

Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)

Simply Help (2009-2012)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004, 2005-2008, 2009-2012)

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (2007-2010)

Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006, 2007-2010)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)

Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways (2009-2012)

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

48. At its 24th and 25th meetings, on 1 June, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 177 new quadrennial reports (see E/C.2/2015/2/Add.13-20 and E/C.2/2015/CRP.13[2] and E/C.2/2015/CRP.14[2]). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 167 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)) and decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following 10:

Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (2010-2013)

Catholics for Choice (2010-2013)

Centrist Democrat International (2010-2013)

DiploFoundation (2010-2013)

European Union of Jewish Students (2010-2013)

Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)

International Commission of Jurists (2009-2012)

International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (2010-2013)

Vital Voices Global Partnership (2010-2013)

World Organization against Torture (2010-2013)

C. Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that have failed to submit their quadrennial reports for one or more consecutive reporting periods

49. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered agenda item 6 (c), Other related matters. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit their quadrennial reports for the period by 1 May 2015, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. The Secretariat had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries in which the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

50. In that regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision in which it recommended that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 165 non-governmental organizations that had failed to submit quadrennial reports by 1 May 2015, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 (see chap. I, draft decision IV). The Committee further requested the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of the suspension of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries in which the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

D. Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had been previously suspended owing to non-submission of their quadrennial reports

51. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2014/223, the Committee decided to recommend the reinstatement of the consultative status of 24 non-governmental organizations upon receipt of their pending quadrennial reports prior to the termination of the suspension period (see chap. I, draft decision V).

52. The following non-governmental organizations had failed to submit their quadrennial reports for the periods 2008-2011 and 2009-2012 by 1 May 2014:

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas (2009-2012)

Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros (2009-2012)

General Arab Women Federation (2009-2012)

International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (2009-2012)

International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (2009-2012)

Network of Women's Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran (2009-2012)

Relief International (2008-2011)

War Resisters International (2009-2012)

53. The consultative status of all eight organizations had been suspended by the Council in July 2014 for a period of one year, until July 2015. The reports were subsequently submitted by the organizations and presented to the Committee at its regular session in January 2015, and the Committee took note of them (see E/2015/32 (part I) chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). While the Council had endorsed the recommendations of the Committee in its decision 2015/207, the consultative status of the eight organizations will be formally reinstated upon approval by the Council in July, at the conclusion of the period of suspension.

E. Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports

54. At the 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that were already on the list of organizations suspended for one year owing to outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. It also informed the Committee that it had failed to receive any response from 85 of those organizations and that it had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries in which the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

55. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 85 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4, and recalled Council decision 2014/223 (see chap. I, draft decision VI). The Committee requested the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of the withdrawal of their consultative status and to accordingly inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries in which the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

56. At its 16th meeting, on 26 May, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; agenda item 6, Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304;

and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

57. The Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, informed the Committee of some changes in the paperless committee platform, a document and record management retrieval system set up in 2008 to support the Committee's work. The Office emphasized that the laptops used by the Committee members had not been updated since 2008 and needed to be replaced as a matter of urgency.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

58. Delegations requested more time in which to consider the issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address those issues at a later stage.

Statements by non-governmental organizations at the 2015 session of the Council

59. At its 16th meeting, held on 26 May, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 27 non-governmental organizations in consultative status to be heard by the Council at the high-level segment of its 2015 session (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.17)[2]:

Action aides aux familles démunies (special, 2002)

African British Returnees International (special, 2015)

Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute. (special, 2012)

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit (special, 2011)

CLIPSAS (special, 2011)

Corporativa de Fundaciones (special, 2013)

Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International (special, 2011)

Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (general, 2012)

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (special, 2013)

Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society (special, 2010)

International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation (special, 2006)

International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (special, 1989)

International Federation for Family Development (general, 2011)

International Federation for Home Economics (special, 1981)

International Federation of University Women (special, 1947)

International Juvenile Justice Observatory (special, 2011)

International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (general, 1973)

Legião da Boa Vontade (general, 1999)

Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (special, 2014)

Réseau des platesformes d'organisations non-gouvernementales d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre (special, 2015)

Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Memorial Foundation (special, 2012)

Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer (special, 2001)

Soroptimist International (general, 1984)

United Cities and Local Governments (general, 1947)

Women's Health and Education Organization (special, 2008)

World Federation for Mental Health (special, 1963)

World Jewellery Confederation (special, 2006)

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

African Technical Association and African Technology Development Link

60. At its 16th meeting, on 26 May 2015, the Committee heard a complaint by the representative of Pakistan, following a formal letter of complaint from the Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations (see annex I), concerning the organizations African Technical Association and African Technology Development Link. The representative of Pakistan emphasized the following points: (a) the two organizations were national organizations based in Zambia and Guinea, respectively; (b) the statements delivered by the two organizations in the Human Rights Council were not in compliance with their mandate, but concerned the political and human rights situation in Pakistan; (c) the two organizations were on the Roster and did not enjoy general or special consultative status; (d) the applications of the two organizations were not available, as they had been placed on the Roster by virtue of their consultative status with other United Nations bodies or specialized agencies; (e) the organizations' addresses were not available and they did not have websites; and (f) the language used by the two organizations were politically motivated.

61. The representative of the United States reminded the Committee that, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31, due process must be followed, and the organizations should be given an adequate opportunity to respond to the complaint presented by the representative of Pakistan. She added that, although the organizations were based in Africa, this should not preclude them from commenting about the situation in other countries. She emphasized that the organizations should

not be penalized for not having a website, as this was not a criteria set out in Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee requested the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to contact the two organizations and to request them to respond to the complaint from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations.

62. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee resumed its consideration of the matter and reviewed the responses of the two organizations. The representative of Pakistan stated that, in its response, the African Technical Association had indicated that it would update its address, which confirmed his point of view that the organization had not provided its updated address to the Non-Governmental Organization Branch. Furthermore, the organization had acknowledged that it provided a platform to dissident politicians from Pakistan and other countries and that its activities were not in compliance with Council resolution 1996/31. He also stated that the African Technology Development Link had not responded to the complaint, but instead had made further allegations against his country. He added that he had been informed by the delegation of Guinea that the phone number of the organization was not correct. The representative of the United States stressed that her delegation would like to seek further clarification from the two organizations before rushing to a decision, and that more consultation among Committee members was required.

63. At its 26th meeting, on 2 June, the Committee resumed its consideration of the matter. The representative of Pakistan emphasized that the organizations were maligning the African continent and that its representatives were not African. He stated that the African countries would not invite politicians from outside their continent to deliver statements against other Member States. He requested withdrawal of the Roster status of the two organizations and indicated that, in the light of a lack of consensus on his proposal, his delegation would request a vote.

64. The representative of India stressed that the Committee needed to consider the matter in more detail, in a fair and transparent manner and work towards a consensus decision. He expressed concern about the complaint by the representative of Pakistan that the organizations had given platform to political dissidents. The representative of the United States expressed her concern that the process was rushed and not transparent. She added that her delegation was hoping to request clarification from a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the practice of the Human Rights Council, which seemed to differ from the Council's practice. There were only four non-governmental organizations from Zambia and nine from Guinea in the whole United Nations system; the organizations had been in the system for more than 20 years without any incident, and they may have contributed positively to the work of the Council. In the light of the statements made by the representatives of India and the United States, and following clarification from the representative of Pakistan, the Chair informed the Committee that a roll-call vote would be taken separately on each organization on whether or not to recommend that the Council withdraw their Roster status.

African Technical Association

65. At its 26th meeting, on 2 June, the Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote, in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council, to recommend withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization.

66. Statements in explanation of vote were made by Member States. The representatives of China and the Sudan stated that their delegations would vote in favour of withdrawal of the consultative status, as the organization seemed to be technical in nature, but had a political agenda and was launching attacks against Member States. The representatives of Greece, the United States, India, Israel and Uruguay stated that they would vote against the proposal, as the process lacked transparency, it was a rushed decision and the organization had not been given sufficient time to respond to further questions. The representative of the United States added her delegation's concern about the targeting of non-governmental organizations who expressed their views in the Human Rights Council contrary to the view of Governments.

67. Withdrawal of the consultative status from the non-governmental organization was recommended by a roll-call vote of 13 to 5, with no abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

Greece, India, Israel, United States, Uruguay.

Absent:

Burundi.

African Technology Development Link

68. At its 27th meeting, on 2 June, the Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote, in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council, to recommend withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization.

69. Statements in explanation of vote were made by Member States. The representative of the United States stated that their delegation would vote against the proposal, and expressed the view that not enough time had been given for consultation on the issue and that questions remained with regard to the organization and its activities, since the Committee had not gotten a chance to ask the organization about the work it undertook in Africa. Furthermore, the representative expressed concern regarding the potential precedent set for non-governmental organizations that engaged with the Human Rights Council and which may be critical of Member States. The representative of India stated that his delegation would also be voting against the proposal to withdraw status, because the issue had not been debated in the Committee in a free, fair and transparent manner with the objective of arriving at a consensus. The representatives of Greece, Israel and Uruguay added their voice to the discussion by expressing similar reservations regarding the need for more time and transparency of the process.

70. Withdrawal of the consultative status of the non-governmental organization was recommended by a roll-call vote of 12 to 5, with no abstentions. Of the

19 members of the Committee, 17 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

Greece, India, Israel, United States, Uruguay.

Absent:

Burundi, Sudan.

71. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by Member States. The representative of Guinea acknowledged the concerns voiced by delegations and stated that the organization did not have accreditation with the Government of Guinea. The representative of Pakistan reiterated his position that enough time had been given for the organization to respond and for the case to be considered, after which time a democratic vote had been taken. The representative of the United States expressed concern that the Committee had taken very lightly the decision to strip two non-governmental organizations of their consultative status which they had held for decades. The representative further stated that the action would have a chilling effect on civil society and on the way that it interacted with the United Nations. The representative of the Sudan, who was not present in the room when the vote was taken, expressed his support for the outcome of the vote and indicated that he would have voted in favour.

VII. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee

72. At its 28th meeting, on 3 June, the Committee considered agenda item 9, Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee, and had before it the draft provisional agenda of its 2016 session (E/C.2/2015/L.1).

73. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2016: 25 January to 3 February and 16 February for its 2016 regular session; and 23 May to 1 June and 10 June for its 2016 resumed session.

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

74. The Committee held its 2015 resumed session from 26 May to 3 June and on 12 June. The Committee held 14 meetings.

B. Attendance

75. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States,

representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants was issued in document E/C.2/2015/INF/2.

76. At its 2015 resumed session, the Committee heard 15 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

77. At its 16th meeting, on 26 May, the Committee elected by acclamation Murat Uğurluoğlu (Turkey) as Vice-Chair from the Western European and other States to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey).

78. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected by acclamation Mustafa Elhossein Elshareef (Sudan) to fill the remaining vacancy from the African States.

D. Agenda

79. The agenda (E/C.2/2015/1) of the 2015 regular and resumed session reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process

of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

E. Documentation

80. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2015 regular and resumed session is available on the paperless committee system.

IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2015 resumed session

81. At its 28th meeting, on 3 June, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Council for appropriate action.

82. At its 29th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee adopted the present report.

Annex

Letter dated 19 May 2015 from the Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

As a member of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Pakistan appreciates the role and contribution of non-governmental organizations in support of the activities of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant United Nations subsidiary organs in accordance with the principles and purposes set out in Council resolution 1996/31. With this understanding, Pakistan has been supportive of the efforts of many non-governmental organizations to make positive and constructive contributions within the United Nations system, and like the delegation of all other member states, Pakistan's delegation has played its role responsibly within the Committee to facilitate accreditation of all genuine national and international non-governmental organizations to the Council.

It is with the same understanding and mutual respect and obligations that member states of the Committee expect the accredited non-governmental organizations to observe the core guiding principles of Council resolution 1996/31 on conduct and activities of the non-governmental organizations within the United Nations system.

According to Council resolution 1996/31:

(a) The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) Organizations granted consultative status by the Council shall conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of their consultative relations with the Council;

(c) The consultative status of non-governmental organizations with the Council and the listing of those on the Roster shall be suspended up to three years or withdrawn, if an organization, either directly or through its affiliates or representatives acting on its behalf, clearly abuses its status by engaging in a pattern of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations including unsubstantiated or politically motivated acts against Member States of the United Nations.

It is against this backdrop that I would like to bring to the attention of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations the cases of the following two Roster-listed Africa-based non-governmental organizations, who have evidently failed to conform to these clear and unequivocal principles and abused their respective consultative status by undertaking politically motivated acts including usage of language not authorized in United Nations parlance and levelling unsubstantiated allegations against Pakistan in violation of their mandate.

I wish to underline here that the purpose of the present letter is not to respond to the baseless allegations of these non-governmental organizations but only refer to evidence and examples which are sufficient to illustrate the violation of laid down principles and the clear political motives of these organizations against Pakistan:

(a) African Technical Association. The full application and exact address of this non-governmental organization are not available with the Non-Governmental Organization Branch. Moreover, we have failed to trace its website on the Internet. The little information received from the Non-Governmental Organization Branch indicates that it is a "Zambia-based African non-governmental organization", which was "listed on the Roster" at some "unknown date", by "virtue of its consultative status with another United Nations body or specialized agency". Instead of remaining focused on its apparent aims as suggested by its name, country of location, scope and status of accreditation, this non-governmental organization has repeatedly "offered its platform to a dissident Pakistani politician and made "politically motivated and unsubstantiated allegations against Pakistan on several occasions. While taking part in the debate under agenda item 5 at the 28th session of the Human Rights Council, this organization delivered a statement on the situation in the Baluchistan province of Pakistan, inter alia, alleging that the security of the people of Baluchistan has been threatened by "state-sponsored proscribed militant outfits such as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jamat-ul-Dawa and the military itself". This statement of the non-governmental organization is not only clearly politically motivated but also patently false, as all the militant organizations mentioned in its statement have been banned by the Government of Pakistan, so how can they be regarded as "state-sponsored outfits". Moreover, the military of Pakistan like the military of any other country is for the security of its people and not for threatening their security, as alleged by this non-governmental organization. These allegations are as false as politically motivated and damaging to territorial integrity and reputation of a sovereign Member State.

Similarly, while speaking under agenda item 4 at the 28th Human Rights Council, this non-governmental organization alleged that "religious outfits that the state has let loose in Baluchistan are also acting as death squads" and that "the situation was expected to get worse with China helping Pakistan to loot Baluch resources". This allegation, by a Zambia-based African non-governmental organization on the Roster, is again clearly motivated to harm the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan as well as its relations with neighbouring countries through false statements;

(b) African Technology Development Link: Like the preceding non-governmental organization, the full application of this non-governmental organization is also not available with the Non-Governmental Organization Branch. Moreover, we have failed to trace its website on the Internet. The little information received from the Non-Governmental Organization Branch indicates that it is a "Guinea-based African non-governmental organization", which was "listed on the Roster" at some "unknown date", by "virtue of its consultative status with another United Nations body or specialized agency". Instead of remaining focused on its apparent aims as suggested by its name, country of location, scope and status of accreditation, this non-governmental organization has resorted to make politically motivated and false comments with regard to political and human rights situation in various parts of Pakistan. While taking part in the debate under agenda item 4 at the 28th session of the Human Rights Council, this organization delivered a statement blaming Pakistan for "colonial rule" and calling it an "occupying regime", as can be seen from the following excerpts of its statement which is available on United Nations Web TV:

> "[The] Pakistani occupying regime has been providing huge funds to promote its own culture and language and discourage the unique culture of Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan. Because of the colonial rule of Pakistan, people are deprived of their economic, social and cultural rights."

The allegations by this non-governmental organization are again not only false but clearly politically motivated which amounts to an attack on the territorial integrity and reputation of a sovereign Member State.

In light of the above, it is abundantly clear that the above two non-governmental organizations have engaged in activities which constitute violation of the rules for non-governmental organization participation in the work of the Council and other subsidiary organs as laid down in Council resolution 1996/31. The kind of politically motivated statements, unsubstantiated allegations, as well as terminology used by these murky, Africa-based non-governmental organizations on the political and human rights situation in Pakistan is inconsistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the conduct expected from accredited non-governmental organizations under Council resolution 1996/31.

The Permanent Mission of Pakistan is of the view that paragraph 57 (a) of Council resolution 1996/31, which stipulates the suspension of consultative status for up to three years or its withdrawal, is fully applicable to the above-mentioned two non-governmental organizations.

Therefore, I kindly request that the present letter be immediately brought to attention of the Member States of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, under the relevant agenda item during its resumed session, to be held from 26 May to 3 June 2015.

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